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PETITION TO WITHHOLD ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181

MS PETITION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Petition to withhold the "abandonment status" of the present application, since an Amendment was timely filed on July 21, 2004.

As evidence of the fact that an Amendment was timely filed, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Amendment fax-filed July 21, 2004, and a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission received from the USPTO.

The present application was filed on or after May 29, 2000. Accordingly, no Terminal Disclaimer is necessary. Accordingly, no reduction in patent term adjustment should be made, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(4).

It is requested that the abandonment status of the present application be withheld so that prosecution may resume with full consideration and entry into the record of the timely filed Reply.

If the U.S. Patent Examiner has any questions regarding the above matters, please contact Applicants' representative, Morris Liss, at the phone number listed below.

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It is submitted that no fees are required for filing this Petition, since the error occurred because of a mistake on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20402-00620-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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